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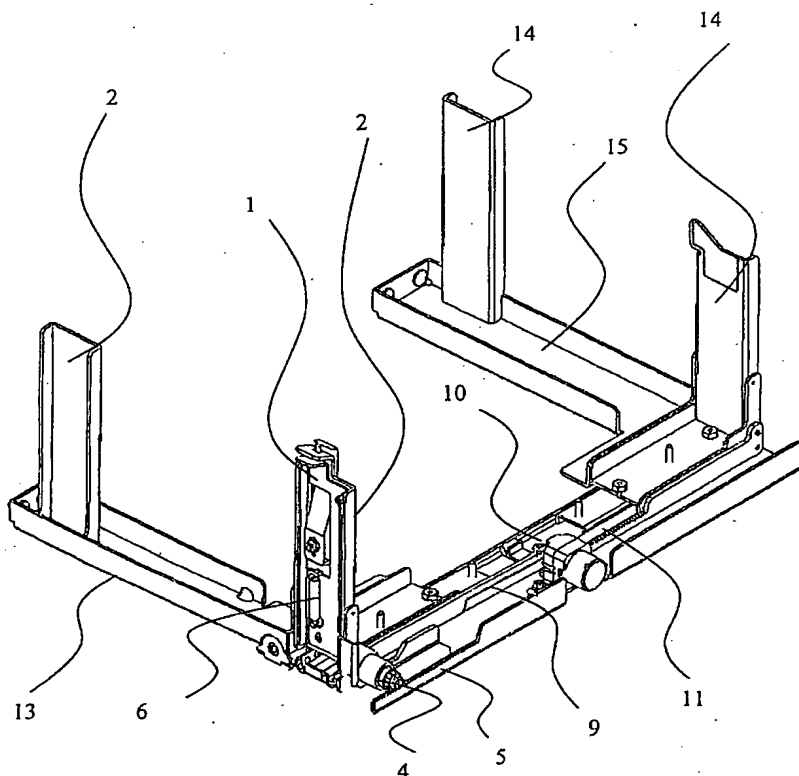
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(54) Title: APPARATUS FOR THE ALIGNMENT OF A STACK OF SHEETS



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to an apparatus for the alignment of a stack of sheets comprising at least one pair of trimming elements (2, 14) which can be adjusted at distances relative to each other in a preferably continuous manner in order to accommodate and align the stack between said trimming elements (2, 14). An object of the present invention is to disclose an apparatus which permits the centered stack alignment in an inexpensive, reproducible and reliable manner, preferably occurring in transverse, as well as in longitudinal, direction, even when sheets are expected to be duplex-printed. In accordance with the present invention, the trimming elements (2, 14) are coupled to allow their counter-directional movement with respect to each other, in that an automatic stop means (4) preventing an enlargement of the distance between the trimming elements (2, 14) is provided, and in that this stop means (4) can be deactivated if required.

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